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# AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE

## KNOX MANUAL LABOR COLLEGE.

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SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That* John Waters, John G. Sanburn, Mathew Chambers, Erastus Swift, Nehemiah H. Losey, George H. Wright, Ralph H. Hurlbut, Geo. W. Gale, Nehemiah West, Thomas Simmons and Parnach Owen, be and hereby are created a body politic and corporate, to be styled and known by the name of the Trustees of Knox Manual Labor College, and by that name and style to remain, and have perpetual succession. The said College shall be located on section No. fifteen, in township No. eleven north, of range one east, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the County of Knox. The number of trustees shall not exceed twenty five, including the President of the College, who shall be *ex-officio* a member of the board of trustees. For the present the individuals above named shall constitute the board of trustees with power to fill the remaining vacancies at their discretion.

SEC. 2. The object of said corporation shall be to promote the general interests of literature, and to qualify young men in the best manner for the various professional and business occupations of society, by carrying into effect a thorough system of mental, moral and physical education, and so reduce the expenses of such education, by manual labor and other means, as shall bring it within the reach of every young man of industry and promise.

SEC. 3. The corporate powers hereby bestowed, shall be such only as are essential to the attainment of said object, and such as are usually conferred on similar bodies corporate, viz: to have perpetual succession, to make contracts, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to grant and receive in its corporate name, and to do all other acts as natural persons may, to accept, acquire, purchase or sell property, real, personal, or mixed, in all lawful ways, to use, employ, manage, and dispose of all such property, and all money belonging to said corporation, in such manner as shall seem to the trustees best adapted to promote the above mentioned objects, to have a common seal and to alter or change the same, to make such by-laws for its regulation as are not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States or this State, and to confer on such persons as may be considered worthy, such academical and honorary degrees as are usually conferred by similar institutions.

SEC. 4. The trustees shall have power from time to time to prescribe and regulate the course of study to be pursued in said college, and in the preparatory departments attached thereto, to fix the rate of tuition, room rent and other college expenses, to appoint instructors, professors, and such other officers and agents

as may be needed in managing the concerns of the institution, to define their powers, duties, and employments, to fix their compensation, to displace and remove either of the instructors, officers or agents, as they may deem the interests of the college require; to fill all vacancies among the instructors, officers, and agents, to erect necessary buildings, to purchase books, chemical and philosophical apparatus and other suitable means of instruction, to establish and regulate the proposed system of manual labor, in the way which they shall deem best adapted to promote the object of said corporation, to make rules for the general management of the affairs of the college, and for the regulation of the conduct of the students, and to establish when they shall deem it expedient, and the means can be procured, professorships of law and medicine.

SEC. 5. If any trustee shall be elected president of said college, his former place as trustee shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the board of trustees. The trustees for the time being, shall have power to remove any trustee from office for any dishonorable or criminal conduct, *provided*, That no such removal shall take place without giving to such trustee notice of the charges exhibited against him, and an opportunity to defend himself before the board, nor unless two thirds of the whole number of Trustees for the time being, shall concur in such removal. The trustees in order to have perpetual succession, shall have power as often as a trustee shall be removed from office, die, resign, or remove out of the State, to appoint a resident of this State to fill the vacancy in the board. "A majority of the Trustees for the time being, shall be a quorum to do business.

SEC. 6. The trustees shall faithfully apply all funds



collected or hereafter to be collected for said college, according to their best judgment, in erecting suitable buildings, in compensating the necessary instructors, professors, officers and agents, and in procuring books, maps, charts globes, philosophical, chemical and other apparatus necessary in the promotion of sound learning in said institution ; *provided*, That in case any donation, devise or bequest, shall be made, for particular purposes, accordant with the objects of the institution, and the trustees shall except the same, every such donation, devise, or bequest shall be expressly applied in conformity with the condition prescribed by the donor, or devisor, *provided, also*, That lands donated or devised as aforesaid, shall be sold or disposed of as required by the last section of this act.

SEC. 7. The trustees of said college **always**, and all other agents when required by the trustees, before entering upon the duties of their appointments, shall give bonds respectively for the security of the corporation, in such penal sum and with such securities as the board of trustees shall approve. All process against said corporation shall be by summons, and the service of the same shall be by leaving an attested copy with the treasurer of the college, at least thirty days before the return day thereof.

SEC. 8. The said college and its preparatory departments shall be open to all denominations of christians, and the profession of any particular religious faith shall not be required of those who become students; all persons however may be suspended or expelled from said institution whose habits are idle or vicious, or whose moral character is bad.

SEC. 9. The lands, tenements, and hereditaments to be held in perpetuity in virtue of this act, by said insti-



tution, shall not exceed one thousand and forty acres, *provided, however,* That if donations, grants, or devises in land shall from time to time be made to said corporation, over and above one thousand and forty acres, which may be held in perpetuity as aforesaid, the same may be received and held by such corporation, for the period of three years from the date of every such donation, grant, or devise; at the end of which time, if the said lands over and above the said one thousand and forty acres, shall not have been sold, then and in that case the said land so donated, granted or devised, shall revert to the owner, grantor, or the heirs of the devisors of the same.

APPROVED Feb. 15, 1837.

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AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO INCORPORATE KNOX MANUAL  
LABOR COLLEGE.

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SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That the period of three years, allowed to the Trustees of Knox Manual Labor College, by the ninth section of the act, to which this is an amendment, for holding donations, grants or devises in lands, be, and the same is hereby extended to seven years in addition to the aforesaid period of three years. anything in said section to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED January 18, 1840.

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF KNOX MANUAL LABOR COLLEGE

Whereas, by an act entitled "An act to incorporate Knox Manual Labor College," approved February 15, 1837, it was provided that if donations, grants, or devises in land should, from time to time, be made to said coporation, over and above one thousand and forty acres, (which one thousand and forty acres, by the terms of the said act might be held in perpetuity by the said corporation,) the same might be received and held by such corporation for the period of three years from the date of every such donation, grant or devise. And whereas, by an act entitled an act to amend the act first aforesaid, approved January 18, 1840, the time for holding the said donations, grants or devises of lands by the said coporation was extended to seven years, in addition to the period of three years; now, therefore.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That the period during which the said corporation of Knox Manual Labor College may hold any such donations, grants, or devises in land, be and the same is hereby extended for the further term of ten years, in addition to the said terms limited in the said two above mentioned acts.

SEC. 2. That in all cases where the said limitation of seven years shall have expired before the passage of this act, the said term of ten years in this act provided for, shall be construed to commence and shall commence at the time of the expiration of such seven years.

SEC. 3. That in all cases where the said corporation may have been the owner or holder of the title to any real estate before the expiration of the said term of seven years, the right title or interest of the said corporation in or to such real estate shall not be construed or held to be or to have been impaired or defeated, on the account of the said corporation having failed to sell or dispose of such real estate during the said term of seven years, but the right, title and interest of such corporation in and to such real estate shall be held to be and shall be as full and perfect, from and after the expiration of the said seven years during the full term of ten years in this act mentioned as before the expiration of the said term of seven years.

SEC. 4. That all contracts and agreements, bonds, obligations, conveyances and deeds of any real estate made or entered into concerning any real estate heretofore owned by said corporation, which may have been made or entered into since the expiration of the said term of seven years, by the said corporation, shall be deemed and held as good and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, to bind, hold, and convey any interest which the said corporation might or would have had in such real estate if the said limitation of seven years had not expired at the time of the making or entering into of any such contract, agreement, bond, obligation, conveyance or deed.

APPROVED Feb. 1, 1851.

## AN ACT

TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE KNOX  
MANUAL LABOR COLLEGE, APPROVED FEB. 15, 1837.

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SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the name of the "Knox Manual Labor College," in the town of Galesburg, be and the same is hereby changed to Knox College, and all the lands, property, privileges, powers, rights and franchises of said Knox Manual Labor College are hereby transferred to and vested in Knox College; and the President, Trustees, Professors, and other officers and agents of said Knox Manual Labor College, shall continue and be the like officers and agents, with the like powers and duties, in said Knox College.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees of said Knox College shall have power to establish a Female Collegiate Department of said College, to be called "The Female Collegiate Department of Knox College," for the education and instruction of females. It shall be the duty of said board to provide sufficient funds to pay for, complete and furnish the building for said department, now in progress of erection on the North side of the College Square, in said town of Galesburg, and they shall set apart for the benefit of said department of the funds derived from the lands donated by CHARLES PHELPS, of Cincinnati, to said College, not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars, of which fifteen thousand dollars shall be

invested in the manner hereinafter mentioned for the endowment and support of a professorship of mathematics and natural philosophy in said department.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees, as soon as funds shall come into the treasury of the College, not wanted for the present engagements of the same, or for completing the buildings now in progress, to set apart twenty thousand dollars as an endowment for the Presidency of said College, and fifteen thousand dollars each for the endowment therein of the professorships of Moral Philosophy and Belles Lettres, the professorship of Natural Science and the professorship of Modern Languages, which shall never be used or applied for any other use or purpose whatever. *Provided*, however, That the Board of Trustees shall always have power to fix the amount of the salaries of said president, and all of the professors and other officers and agents of said College, and any surplus from the endowments by this act provided, after payment of the salaries of said President and Professors, may be appropriated by the Board as other funds of the College.

SEC. 4. Said funds, including that for the endowment of a professorship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the Female Collegiate Department, shall be loaned out on real estate security only, of the double value of the amount loaned, without estimating buildings or other perishable improvements, and on lands to which the title is understood to be perfect, at a rate of interest not exceeding twelve per cent. per annum, payable annually in advance: at any time, whether the debt be due or not, if in the opinion of the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee thereof, the security is insufficient, they may require additional security or the



immediate payment of the principal and interest of said debt.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of said Board to cause Five Thousand Dollars to be loaned out as aforesaid and at the same rate of interest, the interest of which shall be appropriated annually to the increase of the Library and Apparatus of the College.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of said Board as soon as the funds are not wanted for the purposes aforesaid, to provide and cause to be loaned out in the manner above provided for, Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the endowment of the Principal of the Academic Department of said College, subject to the same condition as provided for in salaries of the President and Professors in Sec. 3.

SEC. 7. The Board of Trustees shall in their discretion have full power to sell any land or other property of said Knox College, or of the Female Collegiate Department thereof, or which may hereafter be vested in said College or Department, as the interests of said College or Department may from time to time require, and make sufficient and necessary conveyances for the same, or they may retain all or any of said lands or other property, according to their own discretion and pleasure, and lease, rent, use or occupy the same for the uses and purposes of said College and Department, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. *And be it further enacted*, that all laws conflicting with any of the provisions hereof, be and they are hereby repealed.

Approved February 16, 1857.





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